

HOUSE RESOLUTION 224
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Van S. Lee of
Morristown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Van S. Lee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the first African-American elected to the Morristown City Council, Van Lee also served his community with acumen and alacrity as Morristown's first African-American patrolman with the Morristown Police Department, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he had also retired from the TVA after 23 years of admirable service and was a valued member of the Fraternal Order of Police; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was an active and devout member of the Bethel United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, born in 1942, the son of Eunice Marie and the late Charles Samsel Lee, Mr. Lee was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Van S. Lee enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife of 40 years, Beulah, and was the proud parent of Eric, Melissa, and Steven, and the loving grandfather of Vanessa Lee; he will also be dearly missed by his sisters, Joan Treece and Charlene Davis, daughter-in-law Darline Turner-Lee, sisters-in-law Georgia Kyle, Sylvia Riley, and Phyllis Blevins, and brothers-in-law Robert and Dale Arnett, Robert Davis, and Allen Gene Riley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Mr. Van S. Lee, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.